

Public Citizen Media Coverage on Class Actions January 1 – October 23, 2003

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National - Print & Broadcast

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CNBC, "June 12, 2003. Frank Clemente and Jackson Williams interviewed about release of the Public Citizen report on class action issues.

CongressDaily, "Justice, Rights Groups Oppose Class Action Overhaul Measure," April 10, 2003. Public Citizen mentioned in regards to the Class Action Fairness Act.

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CongressDaily, "On Class Action, House Borrows From Senate," June 12, 2003. Public Citizen cited in an article about corporate lobbyists who are working on Class Action issues.

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CongressDaily, "Interest Groups Fight Hard To Sway Senators On Class Action," July 16, 2003. Frank Clemente and Public Citizen quoted in story regarding class action legislation and its implications Rhode Island.

CongressDaily, “Judiciary – Class Action Reform Supporters Closing In On 60 Votes,” August 8, 2003. Jackson Williams quoted interviewed regarding the bipartisan class action reform bill.

New York Times/International Herald Tribune, “Lobbying on class-action House may pass changes sought by business,” June 13, 2003. Public Citizen cited as an organization that is against class action legislation.

Washington Post, “Curbs on Class Action Lawsuits Urged,” June 12, 2003. Public Citizen report on class actions cited.

Local - Print & Broadcast

Arkansas

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California

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Los Angeles Times, “For Third Time, House OKs Reforming Class-Action Suits; The effort to move cases from state to federal courts sparks fierce debate before the vote. Democrats threaten a filibuster in the Senate.,” June 13, 2003. Public Citizen report on class action lobbyists cited.

Florida

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Palm Beach Daily Business Review, “Times Five: Bolstered by High Fees in Tobacco Suits, Senate Bill Caps Hourly Pay in Class Actions,” Vol. 49, No. 187, May 20, 2003. By Marcia Coyle

Georgia

Fulton County Daily Report, “Class Action Bill Faces Competition in U.S. Senate,” Vol. 114, No. 89, May 7, 2003. By Marcia Coyle

Illinois

Belleville News-Democrat, “House GOP OKs plan to move most class-action suits to federal courts,” June 13, 2003. Article cited Public Citizen regarding lobbyists working the Class Action Fairness Act.

Louisiana

Shreveport Times, "Congress must kill class action bill," June 9, 2003. Public Citizen cited in editorial on the Class Action Fairness Act.

Missouri

Kansas City Star, "An alternative to home loan refinancing," June 23, 2003. Public Citizen's Class action report cited.

New York

Newsday, "GOP: Civil Liability Reform a Priority," December 9, 2002. By Anne Q. Hoy. Mentioned Frank Clemente in regards general civil justice reform.

The Recorder, "Senators Press for Bill Targeting Class Action Lawyer Fees," 127th Year No. 97, May 20, 2003. By Marcia Coyle

Pennsylvania

The Legal Intelligencer, "Bill targets class-action lawyer fees," Vol. 228, No. 97, May 20, 2003. By Marcia Coyle. Mentioned Frank Clemente in regards general civil justice reform.

Wisconsin

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